

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 18 are pending in the application.

Specification

The informalities pointed out by the examiner have been corrected.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite.

In view of the examiner's comments, claim 1 has been revised. In place of "vacuum cleaning tool", the appropriate part, i.e., the housing, has been introduced. Claims 10-11 and 13-18 have been corrected. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC 112 are therefore respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

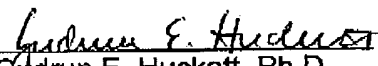
Claim 1 through 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112. It is believed that the amendments to the claims submitted herewith have overcome the rejections. Claims 1 to 18 should thus be in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or e-mail from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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